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UNIT 1: Places Exercise 1: Predicting content using visuals

You are going to listen to a talk about an unusual place to live. Look at the pictures and answer the questions. Then listen and check your answers.

1. The talk will be about:

- ☐ a desert.
- ☐ an island.
- ☐ a forest.

an island

2 This place is a:

- ☐ town with a few hundred people.
- ☐ city with thousands of people.
- ☐ a mountain with one or two people.

town with a few hundred people

3 This place is very. ✖

- ☐ easy to get to.
- ☐ modern.
- ☐ far from anywhere.

far from anywhere



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Listen to the talk and choose the correct option.



1 The main topic of the talk is

- ☐ the coldest place to live.
- ☐ the furthest away place to live.
- ☐ the hottest place to live.

the furthest away place to live

2 Tristan de Cunha has a population of around

- ☐ 3,360.
- ☐ 80.
- ☐ 300.

300

3 The good thing about Tristan de Cunha is

- ☐ it is clean and safe.
- ☐ it is inhabited.
- ☐ there are no coffee shops.

it is clean and safe

4 Tristan de Cunha has

- ☐ places to shop and eat.
- ☐ a very simple lifestyle.
- ☐ a simple airport.

a very simple lifestyle

5 The speaker thinks

- ☐ he would like to live here.
- ☐ it would be cheap to live here.
- ☐ it would be difficult to live here.

it would be difficult to live here



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UNIT 1: Places Exercise 3: Distinguishing fact from opinion

Listen to the talk and decide if the sentences are facts or opinions.

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And I think there are many beautiful things to see.	☒	☐
The only jobs here are related to farming and fishing.	☒	☐
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Choose the correct verb in each sentence.

- 1 The Portuguese explorer Tristão de Cunha first the island in 1506.

The Portuguese explorer Tristão de Cunha first **discovered** the island in 1506.

- 2 He on the island because the weather was very bad.

He **didn't land** on the island because the weather was very bad.

- 3 However, a Dutch ship to the island in 1643.

However, a Dutch ship **came** to the island in 1643.

- 4 In 1810, three people from the US on Tristan de Cunha.

In 1810, three people from the US **arrived** on Tristan de Cunha.

- 5 They some houses and started living there.

They **built** some houses and started living there.

- 6 After 1816, the island a part of the UK.

After 1816, the island **became** a part of the UK.

- 7 In 1961, the volcano on Tristan de Cunha erupted. All the people on the island

.

In 1961, the volcano on Tristan de Cunha erupted. All the people on the island **left**.

- 8 Most people back to the island until 1963.

Most people **didn't go** back to the island until 1963.

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- 1 The island of Tristan da Cunha is in the Atlantic Ocean, 2,816 kilometres from South Africa.

The island of Tristan da Cunha is **located** in the Atlantic Ocean, 2,816 kilometres from South Africa.

- 2 It is a very long from South Africa to Tristan da Cunha.

It is a very long **way** from South Africa to Tristan da Cunha.

- 3 The takes up to six days by boat.

The **journey** takes up to six days by boat.

- 4 There are no airports in the .

There are no airports in the **area**.

- 5 When you are on the island, you can take a short around the small town of Edinburgh.

When you are on the island, you can take a short **trip** around the small town of Edinburgh.

- 6 Prince Phillip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, visited the island on a world in 1957.

Prince Phillip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, visited the island on a world **tour** in 1957.

- 7 Two hundred years ago, Tristan da Cunha was on the main shipping between Europe and India – but now not many people go there.

Two hundred years ago, Tristan da Cunha was on an important shipping **route** between Europe and India – but now not many people go there.

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- So, would you like to live on this place? There are many advantages. **First of all**, life is very simple.

- Finally**, I think there are many things to see – mountains, a volcano – and it is a good place if you like watching birds.

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UNIT 1: Places Exercise 9: Vowel sounds

Listen to the words. Write them in the correct place in the table.

▶ rock ▶ long ▶ bus ▶ lake ▶ river ▶ up ▶ stop ▶ change ▶ hot ▶ live
▶ place ▶ bridge ▶ hut ▶ way ▶ trip ▶ cut

/eɪ/	/oʊ/	/ɪ/	/ʌ/
✖	✖	✖	✖
✖	✖	✖	✖
✖	✖	✖	✖
✖	✖	✖	✖

/eɪ/	/oʊ/	/ɪ/	/ʌ/
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lake	stop	river	up
change	hot	live	cut
place	rock	bridge	hut

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UNIT 1: Places Exercise 10: Linking sounds

Listen to the extracts. The consonants and vowels of some of the words are linked. Choose the words which are linked together.

1 ▶ Today's topic is 'somewhere to live'. ✖

- ☐ Today's topic
- ☐ topic is
- ☐ to live

topic is



2 ▶ There are many advantages. First of all, life is very simple. ✖

- ☐ first of all
- ☐ all life
- ☐ very simple

first of all

3 ▶ I'd also like to talk about disadvantages. ✖

- ☐ also like
- ☐ like to
- ☐ talk about

talk about

4 ▶ It really is in the middle of nowhere. ✖

- ☐ really is
- ☐ is in
- ☐ of nowhere

is in

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